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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AN END-POINT IN CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING OF METAL LAYERS**

The prior application is assigned of record to Applied Materials, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 21, 1998 at 05673/0436.

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Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet.
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of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/184,767, filed November 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,289, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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